



# Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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30 June 2003

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks:

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MT State Parks Association, P.O. Box 699, Billings, MT 59103

MT State Library, 1515 E. Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 201800, Helena, MT 59620

James Jensen, Montana Environmental Information Center, P.O. Box 1184, Helena, MT 59624

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Bob Raney, 112 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Livingston, MT 59047

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is the decision notice for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed issuance of a Stream Protection Act (124) permit to the Big Sky Sewer and Water District for stream crossings on the South Fork West Fork Gallatin River and Second Yellow Mule Creek. No public comments were received.

It is my decision to issue the 124 permits. This action will allow the Big Sky Sewer and Water District to install a forcemain pipeline across each stream. Further detail is included in the decision notice.

Questions regarding this decision notice should be directed to me at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region Three, 1400 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Bozeman, MT 59718.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers  
Region Three Supervisor

*Gallatin  
River*

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Enclosures



**FORCEMAIN PIPELINE INSTALLATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
DECISION NOTICE**

**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Region Three, Bozeman  
June 30, 2003**

Proposed Action

FWP proposes to issue a Stream Protection Act (124) permit to Big Sky Water and Sewer District to allow them to install forcemain pipelines across the South Fork West Fork Gallatin River and Second Yellow Mule Creek. The pipelines will be installed and the stream channels restored to their original configuration.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) assesses impacts of its proposals to the human and natural environments. The proposed 124 permits were disclosed in the May 16, 2003 Environmental Assessment (EA) to comply with the requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

A 30-day comment period was open from May 16 through June 16, 2003. Public notification of the proposed action was posted on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks web page: <http://fwp.state.mt.us>.

Summary of Public Comment

No public comments were received on the proposal.

Final Environmental Assessment for the Forcemain Pipeline Crossings

The EA and this Decision Notice will serve as the final document.

## Decision

Based on the information in the EA, it is my decision to issue 124 permits to Big Sky Water and Sewer District to allow them to install forcemain pipelines across the South Fork West Fork Gallatin River and Second Yellow Mule Creek.

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment and the applicable laws, regulations, and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

If you have questions regarding this decision notice, please contact Pat Flowers, Region Three Supervisor at (406) 994-4042, 1400 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59718, or at [pflowers@montana.edu](mailto:pflowers@montana.edu).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. J. Flowers', written in a cursive style.

Patrick J. Flowers  
Region Three Supervisor